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Sharing of your Information

Dear Patient

To ensure we opt you out of the correct protocol please complete the form below and ensure it is signed and dated. It is vital that you understand what signing this form means. There are several NHS initiatives which you can choose to opt out of.

Care Data

You may have received a leaflet regarding this or seen information about it in the news. Information such as your postcode and NHS number, but not your name, is used to link your records in a secure system, so your identity is protected. Information which does not reveal your identity can then be used by others, such as researchers and those planning health services, to make sure the best possible care is provided for everyone.

The benefit of sharing this information is that it can help improve understanding, locally and nationally, of the most important health needs and the quality of treatment provided by your local services. The NHS will only use the minimum amount of information and a thorough process must be followed before information can be shared. The NHS will ensure that the way information is used it in line with the law, national guidance and best practice.

If you wish to opt out of this then you agree for the codes '***Dissent from secondary use of GP patient identifiable data***' (Read v2: 9Nu0 or CTV3: XaZ89) and '***Dissent from disclosure of personal confidential data by Health and Social Care Information Centre***' (Read v2: 9Nu4 or CTV3: XaaVL) to be added to your record.

You're Name in Full _____

I do/ do not want these codes to be added to my record.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

The Summary Care Record

Records of your medical treatment are kept in all the different places you receive care. These places currently only share information from your records by letter, fax or phone. This can slow down treatment and sometimes information is hard to access.

The summary care record is an electronic record that will give healthcare staff faster and easier access to essential information about you. This is to provide you with safe treatment when you need care in an emergency or when your GP practice is closed. It will include your name, address, date of birth and NHS number to help identify you correctly.

Healthcare staff will ask your permission every time they need to look at your summary care record. If they cannot ask you, for example if you are unconscious, they may look at your record without asking. If they do this a note will be made on your record.

If you wish to opt out of this then you agree for the code **'Express Dissent for Summary Care Record dataset upload'** (Read code 9Ndo) to be added to your record.

You're Name in Full _____

I do/ do not want this code to be added to my record

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

The Local Record

Occasionally information regarding your care needs to be sent to other healthcare professionals to improve your treatment. This includes referrals to specific clinics such as physiotherapy, podiatry, district nurses and some hospital clinics.

If you wish to opt out of this you agree for the code **'Refused consent for upload to local shared electronic record'** (Read code 93C1) to be added to your record.

You're Name in Full _____

I do/ do not want this code to be added to my record.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

We hope that this letter clarifies any questions you may have had regarding the sharing of your personal information. If you any questions about either of these initiatives please ask at the surgery reception or more information can be found at www.nhs.uk/caredata and www.nhscarerecords.nhs.uk . You can also contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) www.pals.nhs.uk for advice.

We thank you for taking the time to read and return this letter.

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